

Department of Workforce Services, Utah Office of Child Care
Advisory Committee Meeting
9750 S 300 W, SLCC, Miller Campus
Karen Gail Miller Conference Center
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Room 150 C & D
January 11, 2006

Presiding: Carrie Stott – Chair

Time		MINUTES	Presenter
10:00 a.m.	1.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farewell to Ann and Teresa	Carrie Stott
10:05 a.m.	2.	Review of Minutes..... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of November Full Committee Meeting	Carrie Stott
10:10 a.m.	3.	Sub-Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality Sub-CommitteeSheila Lewis• Public Awareness Sub-Committee Michael Britton	
10:30 a.m.	4.	Licensing Update Teresa Whiting	
10:40 a.m.	5.	BBC Presentation School Age Supply and Demand Study Heidi Aggeler	
11:30 a.m.	6.	Director's Report..... Lynette Rasmussen <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two new program specialists in W&FL• Infant/Toddler Consultant RFP awarded• Celebrate Kindergarten matching funds• QI playground grants• QI grants going out to CCPDI proposal• Governor's Budget accepted• Reauthorization	
11:45 a.m.	7.	Old & New Business, Chair Comments Carrie Stott	
11:50 a.m.	8.	Public Comment	

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Attending (*denotes voting member):

Caroline Kueneman
Colleen Fitzgerald
Shauna Lower
Diane Wilkinson
Dave Baldwin
Michael Britton
Johnny Anderson
Heidi Aggeler
Jen Garner
*Lynette Rasmussen
*Scott Nielsen
*Theresa Creel

*Patrice Schell for Karen Crompton
*Judy Hull
*Erin Trenbeath-Murray
*Kris Hale
*Laura Traum
*Teresa Whiting
*Barbara Smith for Meg Buonforte
*Sheila Lewis
*Bobbie Ikegami
*Carrie Stott
Christi Christian
*Janet Wade

Excused/Absent:

*Anna Anderson
*Jan Bennett
*Judie Erickson
*Carolyn Forbush
*Pete Maiden
*Sarah Yerman

ITEM 1 Welcome

Carrie welcomed everyone into the New Year!

Carrie made a special mention of Judy Hull, who has been on the Board since September, but was away on medical leave. Judy is the Kinship Specialist for DCSF where she works to place children with relatives rather than in foster care.

Carrie then welcomed Heidi Aggeler and Jen Garner who are visiting from Colorado to present the Study on Supply and Demand for Afterschool care in Utah.

Farewell to Ann and Teresa

Teresa has taken the position of Director of the Bureau of Child Care Licensing with the Department of Health. She is no longer with the Office of Child Care, but OCC will be working closely with her and she will be on the Advisory Committee.

Ann Stockham has been with the Office of Child Care for six years. She has been the principle child care subsidy policy writer. Over the past few years there has been work to simplify the policy. OCC has since realized that we can write the policy, but is it being implemented correctly? Ann has left OCC for one year and is working in Central Region to lead a specialized

team at the CRESC to observe how the policy is being implemented. Dave will take over her responsibilities as well as continue his own.

ITEM 2 Review of Minutes

MOTION made by Laura Traum to approve the minutes from the November Full Committee Meeting as they are.

SECOND- Sheila Lewis

CARRIED

ITEM 3 Sub-Committee Reports

Quality Sub-Committee

At the sub-committee meeting on December 13 the group reviewed input given by providers at meetings that were held in the CCRR regions regarding feedback on the Quality Improvement Grants.

Sheila read from the minutes that were taken at the sub-committee meeting. The sub-committee made some great recommendations that will be guidance to OCC for future QI RFP's.

Questions:

Are the playground funds available to license and license-exempt programs? Will Head Start be eligible to apply?

Lynette said that they are available to license exempt, but then remembered that the original idea was to help bring programs up to licensing standards. This is an issue that was not discussed in great detail and will need to be ironed out by OCC and the sub-committee.

How does the full board feel about Youth Connections Grantees being allowed to apply for QI funds for classrooms other than school age? What kind of priority level of funding should they receive?

The sub-committee already made the recommendation that Youth Connections grantees should be allowed to access QI funds for younger classrooms. The thing that they could not agree on was whether YC grantees would receive a different level of funding priority.

The Sub-Committee also recommended that programs provide 42.5 hours of care in order to be eligible for QI. Wouldn't a range be more appropriate?

This can be discussed further.

Laura Traum Made a MOTION to table this discussion (all questions regarding the QI Sub-Committee recommendations) and have further discussion scheduled during the March Advisory Committee meeting or by conference call if required sooner.

Patrice Schell AMENDED the motion by adding that there needs to be a meeting held in February for OCC and the Sub-Committee to iron out the details and present the questions along with supporting information for the full committee to discuss.

SECOND- Erin Treanbeth-Murray

CARRIED.

Public Awareness Sub-Committee

Michael passed out the new FY2006 Talking Points card that the Sub-Committee has been working on.

This is a fabulous tool to use while speaking to anyone about child care issues and matching funds.

ITEM 4 Licensing Update

Teresa has spent the first week in her new position as Director just gathering information, meeting with licensors and getting to know her way around the office. There is a new bill that has been presented by Representative Buxman to increase requirements for Residential Certificate providers. Teresa will keep us posted as information develops. Christi will email everyone the link to the Legislative website so that everyone can look up the bill if they wish.

ITEM 5 BBC Presentation

BBC Research and Consulting has been awarded the RFP to study the supply and demand of afterschool care in Utah.

Heidi Aggeler, one of the partners of BBC, passed out a packet that followed the Power Point Presentation she showed (refer to handout).

The primary study objective is to determine the need for out-of-school time youth programs and recommend strategies to better meet Utah's needs for out-of-school programs.

There will be two surveys conducted: A large mail survey to providers, schools, and programs serving school-age children in Utah, and a telephone survey of families who have school age children. For families, there is a short survey if they do not use school age care, and a longer survey if they do.

BBC opened up the presentation to receive input from the Advisory Board and interested parties.

Advisory: If BBC is only doing 100 families per region, there would be a lot of information for rural areas, and not enough information for the metro area.

BBC: When doing a statewide assessment, the data is weighted. It is methodologically driven. The sampling system is a mathematical model that takes into account the varying differences of rural versus metro and West versus East. Age distribution and income will also be taken into account.

Advisory: What sort of questions will be asked in the short version, family survey?
BBC: If a family is not using formalized care, the question will be: "What is the particular reason you are not using out of school time care for your children?"

Advisory: Will this study determine how many children are home alone?
BBC: It will show a low estimate. BBC imagines that not many families will admit that their children are home alone.
Advisory: Maybe an appropriate question to ask families would be, "At what age do you feel your child can be home alone?" Perhaps BBC or OCC can find out what the legislature and law enforcement feels is an appropriate age for children to be home alone. The State of Utah does not currently have a state law on what age children must be to be left home alone. DWS doesn't issue child care assistance once a child turns 13.

BBC to the Advisory Board: What do you want to learn from the study?

- Where should Utah be targeting its State funds in grants?
- To families, ask: Does lack of consistent care prohibit you from working or impact your employment?
- What impact do school age programs have on increased literacy or school performance or the crime rate?
- Reference the results of the Economic Impact Study. This is why this part of child care is important to Utah.
- Look at best practices in other states. How are they funding afterschool care?
- Who is most successful statewide in doing afterschool programs?
- How many programs are accredited and what kinds of accreditation are available?
- Clarify the perceptions of need. Parents don't think their kids need the care, so they aren't accessing it. However, in some areas of the state parents have no choices and in other areas of the state parents have several choices.
- Licensed and Legally Exempt programs- is there really competition between the two?
- How many children are hurt while home alone, or are causing problems in the community while unsupervised? Logan City PD has done a study on the impact of afterschool programs. Doug Thompson is the former Mayor there and a big supporter of afterschool care.
- To ask families: If it were made available, would you access care? Is there anything that would induce you to put your kids in care, or is it your belief that they shouldn't be in care?
- If a parent doesn't need care, ask why. Is it because the child is only home alone one hour? Are the parents working opposite shifts so one is home with the children?

Flyer-

The flyer is an educational tool for families and providers. The flyer should be sent out in mid to late February. The Surveys will be done in March.

The Associations will help distribute the flyers to providers. Caroline is working with the PTA to get the flyer distributed to parents. DWS will also try to do a newspaper add.

ITEM 6 Director's Report

Two new program specialists in W&FL

Rochelle Mills has been hired to be the new program specialist of the Women and Families Commission. As well as the Women's Commission work, Rochelle will be leading a study of the Out of Wedlock Grants that the Dept. has been supporting. The study will research how/if the grant has helped to reduce out of wedlock pregnancies. In addition, TANF reauthorization has put 150 million dollars towards addressing family formation issues such as healthy marriages and fatherhood initiatives. Rochelle will be looking at projects to support fatherhood initiatives.

The other new program specialist is Ruth Quintal. Ruth will be taking over much of what Teresa used to do. She will oversee the CCR&R Contracts, the CCPDI Contract and the Contract with Child Care Licensing, along with administering the Quality Improvement Grants. She will also take on a new project and begin to study relative provider care.

They will both be at the next meeting.

Infant/toddler consultant RFP awarded

Colleen released an RFP to contract with professionals who can help in visiting, consulting and supporting the Baby Step grantees. The Family Connection Center, Kids On The Move, and The Children's Center have all been awarded the RFP. This will allow the Baby Steps grantees to get a visit every quarter to help support the Directors and work with teachers.

Celebrate the Kindergarten matching funds

After two years of working on this project, the MOU's have been sent out for signature and the deal is almost sealed!

Davis and Granite School Districts have identified 1.4 million dollars as Kindergarten money. DWS can use 20% of that to draw down 3.4 million dollars match. 70% must be used for child care subsidy and 30% can be used on quality initiatives. 1 million will go into the Youth Connections Grants.

This effort was shared by Representative Sheryl Allen, Representative Karen Morgan, Representative Tim Cosgrove, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and OCC's Caroline Kueneman.

Lynette will send the Associations a blurb about the project for their newsletters. The best thing about this project is that it isn't costing anyone any additional money!

QI Grants going out to CCPDI proposal

Lynette is currently working with our contract people to decide if it is cost effective to move the QI Grant processing out to CCPDI. They would be able to cut a check for providers very quickly and wouldn't have to go through the long "process" that OCC is currently required to do.

Governor's budget accepted

The governor accepted DWS' proposal for \$2.7 million for child care matching. However, at the Executive Appropriations Committee the analyst did not recommend it go in the budget. Lynette will have to wait to see what that means for us.

Reauthorization

There were no changes in law for CCDF. There was an increase in funding by \$200 million per year for a total increase of \$1 billion over 5 years and it does require a match. Utah won't be able to access the new funding if we don't bring down match from general funds.

If the Governor's request doesn't go through, we will be \$5.5 million short in child care money. If the Department is able to give us some of the Out of Wedlock bonus money, we'll hold level. If not, we will be in trouble and may be cutting back programs.

This committee can't approach the Governor, but you each can as individual citizens. The Committee can write a letter of recommendation to DWS Executive management.

ITEM 7 Old & New Business, Chair Comments

There are handouts on the table for the Marriage Conference in February and a Call for Presenters to the Provider Conference in May.

ITEM 8 Public Comment

UAEYC is looking for places to hold workshops. They need space for 10-15 people on the weekend and in the evening. Please contact Laura Traum.

Patrice Schell, Voices for Utah Children- working with DWS to get information out to providers about services that their families and families in their care may need. This project will cover kids in Salt Lake and Tooele County only.

Janet Wade- Baby Watch Early Intervention asked for over \$2 million and the Governor put in a request for \$600,000 in his budget. This money is needed for the home visit program. Janet also passed out 2006 calendars.

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